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THE WAR.

FORT ITALIA.

A SPLENDID DEFENCE.
GARRISON 19 HOURS
UNDER FIRE.

Durban, Oct. 2.—A despatch from Ntandla states that the severest conflict of the war took place at Italia Camp last week. Gen. Louis Botha, with between 1,300 and 1,500 Boers, manœuvred round Babanango, and then crossed the Zululand border and attacked the British at Fort Italia. The garrison at Italia comprised companies of mounted infantry of the Dublin Fusiliers, the Middlesex Regiment, the Dorset Regiment, and the South Lancashire Regiment, and also a number of Lancashire Fusiliers. This force numbered 300, and it was supported by two 12-pounders, the 66th Battery of Field Artillery, and a Maxim gun, all under the command of Maj. Chapman. Information had been received of the approach of the enemy, and by 10 o'clock at night on Sept. 23 everything was in readiness to give the enemy a warm reception.

BRITISH OUTPOSTS RUSHED.
Shortly after midnight the British outposts under Lieuts. Kane and Lefroy, were rushed by the Boers. There was some desperately close fighting, the 80 yards of the outposts being beyond before they were overpowered. Piles of dead Boers lay around the fallen British. The enemy, in addition, captured an outpost on the top of the hill, in this case also, however, suffering terrible loss.

A MAJESTIC STAND.
The garrison was doomed, as their numbers had been reduced to about 200, and they were completely surrounded by the Boers, who kept up a furious fire for 19 hours. The enemy's fire from the outpost on the top of the hill was particularly galling. The Boers' next move was to cut off the water supply of the camp, and they shot every horse belonging to the garrison. The defenders stuck to their guns with the greatest gallantry, and were determined never to yield. The Boer fire slackened about seven o'clock on the following night.

ASSAULT ON FORT PROSPECT.
The British force expected new developments, and were prepared for any Boer move, but the enemy retired across the border, evidently convinced that the position was untenable. Simultaneously with the attack on Italia, a determined assault was made by the Boers on Fort Prospect, but this was equally unsuccessful. When Maj. Chapman had fully satisfied himself that the road behind him was clear, he withdrew his thoroughly exhausted and depleted forces, who had maintained such a splendid fight against an enemy eight times their number.

NO SURRENDER.
The British had lost 20 killed and 80 wounded in the struggle, but the Boer casualties were terrible. Nearly 500 of the enemy were either killed or wounded, the British Maxim doing fearful execution. Lieut. Kane died most gallantly while directing the defence of the outposts. To the last he was heard feebly shouting, "No surrender." Dr. Fielding, the military surgeon, went out early on Friday morning to attend to the British wounded at the outposts, where they had perforce to lie all night. Dr. Fielding was taken prisoner by the Boers, and compelled to attend to their wounded, while the British wounded lay the whole day in the broiling sun without attention.—Central News.

TWO DAYS TO BURY THE BOER DEAD.

THREE COMMANDANTS KILLED.
The total number of Boer casualties in the attack on Fort Italia is estimated at 500. The enemy (says Reuter) were engaged in burying their dead during the whole of the 27th and 28th. The fighting lasted for 19 hours. Commandants Louis Botha, Grobelaar, Emmett, Louwman, Opperman, Scholtz, and Potgieter were present at the attack. Opperman, Scholtz, and Potgieter were killed. The fighting at Fort Prospect was also severe. It extended over 10 hours, and in the end the Boers were driven off.

BRUCE-HAMILTON'S REPORT.
The Governor of Natal has received the following telegram from Gen. Bruce-Hamilton, dated Italia Camp, Sept. 28: "I arrived here at nine this morning. The Boers retired to the north-east. Maj. Chapman left on the evening of the 26th. The Boers, who were estimated at 1,500, did not renew the attack yesterday. They admit having had 19 men killed and 100 wounded. They lost heavily and were carrying away dead and wounded all yesterday. The position is on the side of a mountain, and its defence was most creditable against so strong an attack."

A SECOND ATTACK.
A telegram has been received at Durban (says Reuter) reporting that Fort Prospect was again attacked on the 27th.

BOERS CAPTURE A CONVOY.
Melmoth, Sept. 29.—A large convoy which left this place at one o'clock this morning for Fort Prospect was captured by the Boers at a distance of six miles from Melmoth. The enemy burnt the waggon and forage and took away the cattle. Sub-inspector Mansel of the Natal Police, was captured. Six native police were killed, and two are missing.—Reuter.

FISTS VERSUS RIFLE.

A BRITISH OFFICER'S PLUCK.
The last South African mail brings particulars of an exciting incident that occurred with Lord Methuen's force in the Western Transvaal a few weeks ago, of which Capt. H. C. B. Phillips, commanding the 13th (Shropshire) Imperial Yeomanry, the Irish amateur heavy-weight champion boxer, was the hero. Capt. Phillips, it seems, was going his rounds during his sentry on the outskirts of the camp when, in an isolated position, he was suddenly confronted by three Boers, two of whom were armed. They made him prisoner and at once professed to direct him in the usual form, etc. They had possession of a pretty well everything he had on him, which they ordered him to remove. He declined, at the same time,

telling his captors that if they wanted their things they must first kill him. Whereupon two stopped down to unfetter the straps, Capt. Phillips being covered with the rifle of the third man. No sooner, however, had the two men got into the kneeling position than Capt. Phillips, with two well-directed blows, bowled them both over, and seizing the Master of one, while the other was on the ground, he fell on the Boer who was covering him with a tremendous blow on the side of the head with the butt-end of the rifle, giving him his quietus, not, however, before he had fired, the bullet passing uncomfortably near the gallant officer's head. Capt. Phillips then turned the tables by securing the two Boers and marching them into camp.

A STUBBORN FIGHT ON THE DRakensBERG.
News has been received from Kokstad that a party of Boers attempted another invasion of Griqualand West on Friday week. The enemy were discovered streaming over the Drakensberg in the neighbourhood of the Pot River. Capt. Raw, who was in charge of a company of the border defenders, held the Boers at bay, and a stiff fight ensued. The enemy managed to reach the British line, but Capt. Raw's men stubbornly held their ground. The Boers considerably outnumbered the gallant defenders, who, however, had the advantage of a commanding position. The invaders were ultimately driven back over the Berg with some loss. There were also a few British casualties.

KEKEWICH'S BIG FIGHT.
BRITISH GALLANTRY.

MESSAGES FROM LORD KITCHENER.

From Lord Kitchener to the War Office:—
Pretoria, Sept. 30.—Results since Sept. 23, including all separately reported, are 27 Boers killed, 24 wounded, 274 prisoners, and 48 surrendered; 139 rifles, 19,400 rounds small arm ammunition, 189 waggons, 3,270 addition to the prisoners taken by the Boers during the attack on Fort Italia on Sept. 23 state that they saw 60 Boers buried at the enemy's laager. Bruce Hamilton reports several buried in the neighbourhood of Italia, and that the Boers were busy on both 26th and 27th Sept. carrying in a their dead. The main body of the enemy are now in the neighbourhood of Berthoudorp. Situation in the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony unchanged. In Cape Colony, Myburgh, and Fouché are mostly to the east of the Drakensberg.

In the Transvaal Smuts has moved very rapidly south before our column and was on Sept. 23 near Sheldon. In the south and west there is no change in the situation. The midland district is clear and the north-western very nearly so.

On Sept. 27 a patrol from De Aar marched into a party of Malan's with several leaders, killing three Boers and capturing a number of arms. I have just heard Kekewich's camp at Moedwil, to the west of Magato Pass, was attacked at dawn to-day by the enemy in strength under Delarey and Kemp. The attack was driven off at 6.15 a.m., the enemy retiring to the north-west.

The following is the earlier telegram referred to in Lord Kitchener's message above:—
The night attack by Delarey on Kekewich's camp at Moedwil reported in my telegram some, Sept. 26, was carried out by the enemy, 1,000 strong, with great vigour. After close fighting for over two hours the enemy were driven off with considerable loss. Our casualties were, I regret to say, severe—namely, one officer killed and one dangerously wounded, since dead; also 11 officers severely wounded and three slightly. N.C.O.s and men killed, 31; dangerously wounded, six; severely, 42; and slightly, 32.

All these have been brought into Rustenburg, and are being well cared for. In addition to above, about 40 more wounded, of whom I have no details, still remain to come into Rustenburg. All names are being reported separately.

Col. Kekewich, who was himself slightly wounded in two places, reports that all ranks behaved extremely well. The War Office has issued the following from Lord Kitchener:—
Pretoria, Oct. 2 (6.15 p.m.).—Have just received following particulars from Kekewich of attack on his camp. Yeomanry patrol sent out before dawn met enemy advancing, and gave warning, but too late to prevent being pushed back, thus enabling Boers to occupy position giving them good cover at effective range, whence they poured in a heavy fire, in conjunction with attacks from both flanks.

His whole force behaved with great gallantry under trying circumstances, the Sherwood Foresters doing particularly well, and the attack was driven off in rather over two hours.

The enemy committed an enormous amount of ammunition, and must have lost heavily in their futile attempt.

Featherstonhaugh's columns are now in touch with Kekewich, and enemy will be followed up. Have this moment heard that remainder of wounded, referred to in my telegram of 11.30 to-day—namely, officers, three severely, and non-commissioned officers, seven, eight dangerously wounded, 35 severely, and two slightly—are being sent into Rustenburg to-day.

All are being taken great care of.

ENEMY DRIVEN OFF WITH LOSS.

DESPERATE BOER TACTICS.

Pretoria, Oct. 2.—Col. Kekewich's column, encamped near Magato Nek, west of Rustenburg, was attacked by a large force of Boers, under Commandant Delarey, at four o'clock on Monday morning. The enemy hotly pressed the attack, but they were driven off after severe fighting. Our losses were rather heavy, particularly among the Scottish Horse. The Boer casualties were also severe, six being laid dead on the field and ten prisoners taken.—Central News.

A COMMANDANT KILLED.

Reuter's Johannesburg correspondent (telegraphing on Tuesday, says:—A big attack was made at dawn on Monday on the Magaliesburg column

under Col. Kekewich west of Magato's Nek, which is west of Rustenburg. The Boers, under Commandant Delarey and Kemp, succeeded in coming to fairly close quarters, and the fighting lasted for about two hours. Eventually the attack was beaten off with considerable loss to the enemy, who left in our hands six killed, a number of wounded, and 10 prisoners. Among the killed was Commandant Tobias Boesche, the well-known leader of Kemp's Scouts, who are picked body of men, mostly foreigners, and Commandant Outhuisen is reported to have been wounded. The Boers retreated northwards.

THE SCOTTISH HORSE LOSE HEAVILY.

"The Standard's" Pretoria correspondent says Col. Kekewich, who has been operating with signal success recently around Rustenburg, was attacked on Monday, at dawn, by 1,000 men under Delarey and Kemp, at Moedwil, west of Rustenburg. Before daylight, the enemy began firing into the camp. Col. Kekewich immediately attacked the Boer position. The attack was driven home, and the troops carried the position with great gallantry, causing heavy casualties to the enemy, who retired precipitately. The Scottish Horse suffered severely. Col. Kekewich himself was slightly wounded. The Boers attacked with great dash, Kemp leading with characteristic bravery.

COLONEL KEKEWICH.
Col. Kekewich has been a good deal of active service. His first campaign was in the Mafeking district in 1895. Two years later he took part in the Nile expedition, and in 1898 served in the operations near Suakin, being mentioned in despatches on both occasions. His command of the garrison of Kimberley during the siege has made him one of the most important figures in the South African War. He is 35 years of age, and is 5 miles west of Rustenburg, and about 75 miles west of Pretoria.

THE RECOVERED GUNS.
Bloemfontein, Oct. 3.—The timber carriage of the 12-pounder captured by the Boers at Valkefontein has been found by Col. Lowry Cole in a dam near Wepener.—Reuter.

THE MURDER OF LIEUT. MIERS.
Describing the murder of Lieut. Miers, "The Mail" correspondent says three Boers approached the post at Riversdrain with a white flag, saying they wanted to see the captain alive, as they wished to make a confidential communication. Lieut. Miers mounted his horse and went off. When he reached the Boers he dismounted and entered into conversation with the men. Hardly had he done so when one Boer lifted his rifle and shot the lieutenant through the back, while the others shot his horse. The party then galloped away.

THE EXECUTION OF BROEKSMAN.

Johannesburg, Sept. 30.—Mr. Broekman, former Public Prosecutor of the Transvaal, who was lately tried for treason, and who had been sentenced to death, was executed yesterday in execution of the sentence passed upon him. Yesterday Mr. Broekman was informed that sentence of death had been pronounced against him. He broke down on hearing the announcement, but at a quarter to six this morning, when he was told that the sentence was to be carried out immediately, he recovered himself calmly. The chaplain offered spiritual consolation, and the prisoner was then led out and shot. Death was instantaneous.—Reuter.

Mr. Broekman was third Public Prosecutor in the Transvaal, and was referred to by Lord Milner in a despatch to the Colonial Secretary, dated April 5, 1899, as having assisted in breaking up a public meeting at Johannesburg.

AN IMPERIAL INSTITUTE REMINISCENCE.

Among the latest arrests in the Transvaal on charges of conspiracy are those of David Draper, stated to be a geologist, and a former mine manager named Osterloof. It will be remembered that in October, 1896, a Mr. David Draper, Secretary of the South African Geological Society, was arrested and taken to deliver a lecture at the Imperial Institute on the "Auriferous Conglomerates of South Africa," but the pro-Boer prohibitive of the lecturer aroused much feeling, and the meeting was attended by a large number of Imperialists, at whose hands the lecturer had

a very warm reception. Whether or no the David Draper now arrested is identical with the lecturer on auriferous conglomerates cannot be said, but it may be interesting to note that in an article in "The Globe" of Oct. 26, 1896, reference is made to the lecture in question. It appeared at that time that the lecturer had been accused of bearing arms at the battle of Krugersdorp, but to a representative of "The Mail" he declared that he was not within miles of the place at the time, although he admitted taking his place in the lecture.

THE LIVES OF THE BOER SQUADS.
The comment of "The Globe" on this fact was:—"Mr. Draper has chosen to identify himself with the Boer tyranny, and to defend the systematic oppression which renders existence unendurable for thousands of our fellow countrymen. There is a limit, however, even to British patience, and the blood of every patriotic Englishman is stirred at the very idea of David Draper advertising himself on the platform of the Imperial Institute while Landor Starr Jameson is imprisoned in Holloway Gaol."

DEATH OF KRUGER'S SON.

Reuter's Pretoria correspondent states that Tjaard Kruger, son of the late President, who recently surrendered, died on Tuesday after a short illness.

DR. KRAUSE AGAIN REMOVED.

For the fifth time Dr. F. E. T. Krause, formerly Public Prosecutor and Acting State Attorney of the Transvaal, was brought up before Mr. de Ruiter at Bow-st. for extradition upon charges of high treason and incitement to murder. The proceedings were again postponed. It was stated that the papers had arrived, but that owing to their voluminous nature it had been found impossible to go into the case that day. Mr. de Ruiter granted a further remand. It is understood

that the case will be fully gone into on the next occasion before Mr. F. Laughton, the chief magistrate of the metropolis, who will sit specially in the Extradition Court.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

COL. KEKEWICH'S LOSSES.

Casualties to Col. Kekewich's column: seven miles west of Magato Nek, Sept. 30:—
Staff: Col. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right shoulder and left side, doing very well. Col. J. G. Belding, slightly wounded, left leg. 1st Battery R.F.A.: Capt. G. Laird, slightly wounded, right leg. 2nd Battery R.F.A.: Second-Lieut. G. T. Dural, slightly wounded, right leg. 1st Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right leg. 2nd Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right leg. 3rd Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right leg. 4th Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right leg. 5th Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right leg. 6th Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right leg. 7th Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right leg. 8th Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right leg. 9th Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. Kekewich, severely wounded, right leg. 10th Dragoon Guards: Capt. R. G. 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SERIOUS SITUATION.
Barcelona, October 8. — Rumor
of an impending Carlist ris-

2,000 pounds of jet are dug annually from the Yorkshire cliffs.

To pay and board a British soldier costs the country £11 a year.

In 1796 it took 100 tons of coal to make a ton of pig-iron; now it only takes two tons.

Ireland has 253 poultry for every 100 inhabitants. England has only 94 per 100 people.

British people spend 9s. each yearly on literature; French people, 6s. 4d.; Russians, 8d.

46 out of every 100 postcards sold in Germany last year were tourists' pictures of the Rhine.

Gold and silver are given 70 per cent. of lead. It takes three tons of coal to produce three tons of lead.

80 out of 1,600 Germans live to be 80 years old, and 103 English live to the same age.

265,000 tons of rock were taken from the St. Gothard Tunnel, 45,000 tons from the Gotthard Tunnel.

Of the 1,000 letters delivered in England come from the Continent and 26 in the 1,000 from America.

Of the 10 leading cities in the world the United States has three—New York, Chicago, and San Francisco.

The first year of which we have a record of British coal consumption is 1880, when 31 million tons were raised.

Mr. Mark Simpson, probably the oldest doctor in Surrey, died at Guildford on Sunday, in his 90th year.

One of the polliest clubs in Paris, it is stated, is one formed exclusively of deaf and dumb persons.

The entire collection of coins and medals in the British Museum consists of nearly 250,000 specimens.

In Southern and Midland England 30,000 women spend their lives in drying and steering canal boats.

Germany's navy was born in 1848. It now consists of 194 vessels, 16 being battleships. 360,000 men enter the German Army yearly by conscription.

James Gray, electrician, was accidentally killed by the current at a electric light station in High-street, Chelmsford.

The sum of £11,236,000 a year spent in poor relief in the United Kingdom, nearly 22,000,000 of which goes in salaries of relieving officers and similar expenses.

The key to the Bastille is now hanging on the wall in the hall of the home of Mr. Washington, at Mount Vernon, U.S.A. It was given to Washington by Lafayette.

There is an existence an unrepulsive law in Switzerland which forbids the wearing of hats more than 18 in. in diameter, artificial flowers, and foreign feathers, under a heavy penalty.

On a farm at Wadbrooke, and is in excellent preservation. When it was built the owner made a vow that he would never thrash it until the corn would realize 25s. a sack.

A minister in Kansas recently informed his congregation just before the plates were passed round that the members who were in debt were expected to contribute. The collection that day was double the usual sum.

The Earl of Rosebery is to be presented with an address on the occasion of his installation as High Steward of London, and after the ceremony of lordship will be entertained at a banquet by the City of London.

Princess Victoria, Princess Henry of Battenberg, and Princess Victoria Eugenie of Battenberg, visited Netley Hospital this week, and passed through the wards, expressing kindly sympathy with the men.

A verdict of wilful murder was returned in the coronor's inquest against Mrs. Roe for the murder of her three-year-old boy at N. Hykeham, Lincolnshire, on Sept. 20. In a fit of frenzy she attacked her children with a pocket knife. Two of them were wounded and the third killed.

The floods in the Andia (Barcelona) district in Spain have compelled the washing out both the Catholic and Protestant cemeteries. The water carried away about 300 corpses, leaving some in the neighbouring fields but bearing others right out to sea. Many coffins were broken.

The Austrian Heir Presumptive, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, has been elected to the French Order of the Trinitarians, which did not apply to him, authorisation, with the Castle of Teinitz in Bohemia. The Trinitarian monks, who number about 50, will shortly leave for Austria.

In the small district of Hamay, in the province of Liege, several golden rings were discovered celebrated on October 1st. The ages of the couples ranged from 73 to 99 years. The couples were quite proud of their record, and the day was given over to public rejoicings.

The Society of American Women for London sent a beautiful golden tribune to the funeral of President McKinley.

The president of the society, who, spending the summer in Connecticut, arranged to have the flowers taken by a special messenger from New Haven to Washington.

Mr. F. B. Mildmay, M.P., has been on a visit to Lord and Lady Borton, Leich Quinch Lodge, Inverness-shire, and during his stay he killed a magnificent stag, weighing 200 lbs., and a deer, 210, in Glenquoich Forest. It is believed to be the finest stag that has been killed in Scotland during the present stalking season.

Mr. Joseph Walton, M.P., arrived at Teheran, the capital of Persia, Sept. 26, after a rapid journey of 4,000 miles via Berlin, Moscow, Omsk to Vladivodka, from whence he crossed the Trans-Siberian railway to Tiflis, and then by steamer to Baku, whence he journeyed by steamer to the south end of the Caspian Sea.

A canal from the Baltic to the Arctic Ocean appears to be a feasible project, especially as a waterway connection between these oceans is thought to have existed in former times. It is proposed to cut such a canal, and, if the project comes to anything, it will have commercial benefits for more than one nation and great strategic value to Russia as it will provide an outlet for the Baltic fleet.

In order to protect the statue of King Alfred recently unveiled by the City Council has been decided to remove the present Octagon Fair from the Broadway, where the statue stands, to a field at Bar Eton. The fair has from time immemorial been held in the Broadway, and what it to be held there still the statue of the great king would look down on the great highway of booths, shops, galleries, and awnings.

**DISPUTE "OFFICIALLY"
DECLARED ENDED.**
The Grimsby dispute is over.
35- Walter, Secretary of the Fish

Mr. Hinton, secretary, and the other men's leaders, addressed a vast crowd of engineers and fishermen yesterday, and officially declared the dispute was ended. The employers had consented to arbitration on the question of signing-on, and the men would temporarily agree to the Board of Trade office, pending the coming of a more permanent arrangement. To-day the men will have a procession, followed by a mass meeting in the theatre, to celebrate what they claim to be their victory.

THE SHARMEN.

It is stated that the owners will disregard the sharmen if the latter refuse to hold out. The sharmen have accepted the ballot yesterday, and have agreed to accept the employers' proposals. The announcement that after a struggle of 16 weeks terms have been arranged was received with satisfaction on all hands.

SIGNING ON.

Grimsbay Docks presented a busy scene yesterday, the work of signing on fishermen and engineers at the Board of Trade office being carried out as quickly as possible. Many sharmen signed on at the rate of 3s. per week, with a poundage of 1s. General Federation vessels went to sea last night.

RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

Our Grimsby correspondent telegraphed last evening:—The Grimsby dispute was finally settled this evening. All the men voted in favour of the proposal, and agreed to arbitration, and the termination of the struggle rested in the latter, which ballot resulted as follows:—For arbitration on the one point of signing on, 363; against, 140; majority for, 223. The ballot papers issued numbered 540, and the men were allowed to take home to reconsider their votes. The result was brought about by the Rev. R. Meddings. Lord Wyborough has been informed of the result by the Rev. Meddings, who appealed to the men to bury all feelings of bitterness. Many trawlers were tired and cooled yesterday, and tomorrow they will leave port, and will be resumed as usual.

THE FLOOD FOLLOWS.

The minutes of the Sheffield Council, issued yesterday, disclose that the Chief Constable has recalled from the Mayor of Grimsby a letter expressing his warm appreciation of the excellent work done by the Sheffield Police on the occasion of the recent rioting. The Water Committee, which includes several Lord members, has resolved that what was made applications for assistance received in future, an emergency meeting shall be summoned before the men are despatched. In the present instance the Chief Constable consulted the Lord Mayor only.

ANOTHER HINTON STORY.

Jack Hinton, the notorious wrecked, details of whose career I recently been appearing in "The People," is said to be the only one who ever stole anything from Peter Kruger. Hinton, then, as an utter ruffian, escaped from the "Free Press" to Bamford, where three days later a Boer pulled out of the flooded Ingoor, and, returning the thief, threatened to throw him in again. "Look here," said Hinton, "don't be foolish. If there's anything to be done, you're coming also. We're both wet through; let's go to Fermiston (the hotel) and drink." After some further conversation, Hinton was mollified, and said Hinton, in telling the story afterwards, "Before we separated had sold him a watch without works in it for a sovereign."

SHOP HOURS.

SELECT COUNCILMEN REPORT ISSUE YESTERDAY.

The report of the Select Committee of the House of Lords on Early Closing of Shops was issued yesterday. The committee recommended that the Government be convinced that the closing would be an immense boon to the shopkeeping community, to the keepers and shop assistants, and that the present hours are grievous, especially in the case of women; under these circumstances, the committee recommended that the council should be authorised to provisional orders making such alterations in respect to the closing of shops as may seem to them to be necessary for areas under their jurisdiction, these provisional orders to be submitted to Parliament in the manner best adapted to the circumstances of the law. The committee add special enactments for restraining outlay involved and providing for discharge may be necessary.

SANITARY INSPECTOR ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held last night at the penters' Hall, Mr. W. H. Griggs, M.P., presiding. Mr. T. W. Crocker moved resolution declaring that the election of Miss M. Sharples, of Leeds, as a member being in violation of the constitutional, and consequently invalid, inasmuch as the Act of Parliament did not provide for sanitary inspectors.—Mr. Roberts seconded. After discussion, the resolution was defeated; but a further motion adopted authorising the taking of opinion of the association's members on the subject of the election, which were elected members. Mr. Crichton Browne was appointed honorary member.—The chairman moved the adoption of the resolution stating that the progress of the association during the past year had been unparalleled, and that its status was higher than it had ever before enjoyed. The resolution had failed to obtain the necessary support, and the council had been reluctantly compelled to abandon the scheme. Their financial position strong.—Mr. Wilkinson seconded the motion, and it was carried.—Mr. Kirkman, of Nottingham, Yorkshire, elected chairman for the ensuing year, and returned thanks, saying he would do everything possible to advance the interests of the association.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.

Last evening the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Hospital Saturday Fund was held at the central office of the G. Inn-rd. The report of the Finance Committee showed that receipts from the workshops, from January to Sept. 16, amounted to £2,863 18s. 8d., as against £2,293 12s. at the corresponding date of last year.

Friday Evening.
MORRIS.

Money has been in more active demand throughout the week, and a considerable amount has been borrowed in connection with the turn of the quarter. Rates seem likely to advance in the near future, as not only has a call of nominally nine million on New Councils to be paid on Friday next, but the Local Loans stock is announced.

Local Loans stock is announced Applications are to be received by tender, the minimum price being fixed at 85. It is also probable that South Australia will follow the example of other Australasian States and apply for a loan at an early date. The Bank return shows a diminution of over 2 millions in the reserve, the chief cause the outflow of the month, chiefly to the President to be noted for the requirements. The reserve, however, still stands at over 25 millions, and bears a comparatively high ratio to the Bank's liabilities. The authorities have not yet deemed it necessary to raise the official rate of discount, though an advance habitually occurs about this time of year, and cannot long be postponed if the customary autumn outflow continues.

Apart from considerable speculation in Rio Tinto the foreign market has been generally dull. The present is always an eventful week for dealers in Tinto, as it witnesses the declaration of the half-yearly interim dividend and it has been especially so in view of recent sensational developments in the American copper market. Some of the pessimistic paper on copper more than justified the declaration, but the actual announcement proving quite unalike to the more favourable expectation, the price immediately recovered. The dividend of 35s. per share, though 5 lower than that of a year ago, is a very good showing, in view of the reduced value of copper in the period covered by the accounts. The new default of Costa Rica has continued to depress the bonds of the Republic. The bonds holders' committee in this country has been unsuccessful in its projected efforts to get the claims paid forward by the Government, but it is difficult to see how more favourable to its unlucky tender creditors can be extracted from such a seasoned defaulter.

HOME RAILWAYS.

The home railway market continues to hang fire, and it is not surprising that there is little disposition on the part of the public to transact in the sale of unfavourable traffic, the most recent list of which shows a relapse from the recovery lately observable. Until investors have some evidence that real efforts are being made to economise so as to neutralise the influence of declining revenue, there is not much inducement to purchase stocks, which on the basis of recent dividends, cost at a high cost in return. There is a good deal of talk of a revival in the engineering and allied industries, but so far it has not made itself felt on railway revenues. The Scotch lines are almost the only one to show increased receipts, and promise improved dividends, the problem of economising the cost of working having received much more attention than elsewhere in this country. It is, however, unseemly wrangle over the allocation of the underground at last promises to come to an end, the arbitrators appointed by the Board of Trade to decide upon the method to be adopted holding its first meeting Monday.

AMERICAN RAILS.

Considerable irregularity has characterised the market in American railroad securities both here and in New York. But, on the whole, prices are better, and the market seems to have recovered from the shock produced by the unfavourable dividend announcement of the Amalgamated and Alameda Copper Companies. The second annual report of the United States National Transportation Board has given a favourable impression, the great combine being able to provide for the valuation dividends on its stocks, it is also showing a very large surplus to be dealt with at the close of the fiscal year. It is naturally assumed that the company can do so well in the face of a pro-trade strike, it will be able to still hold out a period of prosperity in the general railroad situation there is no change. The renowned Vanderbilt combine, on the strength of which the stocks affected enjoyed a share rise, has been officially denied. Business continues excellent, as the traffic abundantly show, and any losses of reduced corn traffic promise to be more than made up by gains in other lines. The conservative policy of some railroad boards in dealing with surplus profits is causing appointment to junior security holders; but it must not be forgotten that the more money is spent on improvements at present the better will be the dividend outlook in the future.

INDUSTRIAL.

The weakness of the strong South worth share is temporarily caused on considerable professional speculation which has also brought about a demand for Vickers. Alloys have been much depressed by the apparent failure of the preference and ordinary stock-holders to come to terms. There has been a good demand for South American gold. Stocks of various industries of the dividend out of very large profits which the companies known to have obtained. Super-Aerations have also been in good demand, and, judging by the well-formed quarters from which the buying comes, I should say that the hard move is likely to be carried further.

There is a relapse on profit taking, looking at the situation in the trade. I should advise those who have recently bought and now see a profit to let slip the opportunity to secure.

MINES.

Kaifers have naturally been a pressed and stagnant market, the many news from South Africa being anything but encouraging. It is, however, to be feared that the date of the long-promised Kaifer boom will not have to be further postponed. While Africans, on the other hand, have been very steady despite the circulation of good deal of misinformation criticism of the bank of formation. There is a decided demand for the Kaifer, and the public has well-founded belief that gold exists in payable quantities and will ultimately be produced on a scale sufficient to enable handsome dividends to be paid. But the fear of the mining market has been continued advance in Great Britain, and the market has been very active in the market, where they were of

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LOSS OF THE COBRA.

CONCLUSION OF THE INQUEST.

VERDICT.

The inquest was concluded at Grimsby on Thursday on the bodies of the Cobra victims which were recovered at the time of the wreck. The coroner, Mr. J. H. Wilson, stated that the Cobra had been engaged in diving operations at the wreck of the Cobra, which was found on Thursday week, was in 15 fathoms of water. She was lying bottom upwards. There were no plates stove in. All he did on the first day was to ascertain that it was actually the wreck. On the second day he made a careful examination, and on Saturday the master of the Herculio had returned to the Humber owing to bad weather. On Monday they returned and he made another examination, and found the Cobra had been broken just like a cane would be split.

THE WRECK WAS SAVED.

And although she looked like a cane broken across the knee, he failed to find any trace that the Cobra had touched the sand or a wreck. The ship was broken off close to one of the boilers. He failed to discover the stern portion of the Cobra, although he had searched for 10 fathoms round, nor had he discovered any bodies. He thought the plates would be slightly under a quarter of an inch apart, and he was sure that the Cobra was in the position of the Duke of Wellington, Portsmouth, said he went to Newcastle in connection with the fixing of the Cobra's machinery, and watched the machinery trials on behalf of the Admiralty. The navigating party from Portsmouth arrived on Sept. 16, with Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, and the boat. It was not absolutely necessary to leave that night, and they did so at 11 next morning, after having her compass adjusted in the Tyne. The vessel was going 10 knots at the time of the disaster. He felt a shock when near Downing lightship, and going on deck amidships, the weather was not bad when the Cobra left the Tyne, but they saw Whitby, Scarborough, and Flamborough Head as they passed. From that point the weather gradually became worse, and about 11 that night it commenced to blow very hard, although they did not know from what direction the wind came.

ROUGH SEA WAS RUNNING.

ABOUT SEVEN A.M. ON WEDNESDAY

THEY WERE PUTTING IN SOMEWHERE

FOR SHELTER, BUT THEY DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY

WHERE THEY WERE. WITNESS HAD BEEN

ON DUTY FROM THE TIME THE COBRA LEFT

THE TYNE. THE ENGINE AND MACHINERY

WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CONTRACTORS

AND HE HAD BEEN OVERLOOKING THEM

THE WHOLE OF THE TIME. ABOUT THE TIME

ALREADY MENTIONED, THE CAPTAIN SENT

FOR WITNESS TO GO ON THE BRIDGE, AND

TOLD HIM HE HAD SEEN A LIGHTSHIP

AND WANTED TO STEAM ABOUT A MILE AND

ASCERTAIN HIS NAME. WITNESS SAW A

LIGHTSHIP ON THE STARBOARD BOW, BUT

HE COULD NOT SEE HIS BEARING, AS HE

DID NOT NOTICE THE COMPASS. HE THEN

WENT AFT AND TOLD THE CONTRACTOR

MANAGER THAT THE CAPTAIN WANTED

TO STEAM A MILE TOWARDS THE LIGHTSHIP

WITNESS WARMED OVERBOARD.

SOON AFTERWARDS HE WAS TAKING

MR. SANDERSON'S MESSAGE FOR THE

ELWICK FIRM, WHEN THEY FELT THE

SHOCK. IT SEEMED AS THOUGH THEY HAD

GONE OVER SOMETHING. WITNESS WAS

NOT THROWN OFF HIS FEET. THE SHIP

STARTED TO SINK AMIDSHIPS, BUT THERE

WAS NO SHOOTING. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY

AFTERWARDS THE SHIP BROKE IN

TWO, AND WITNESS, WHO WAS STANDING

ON THE AFTER PART, WAS WASHED

BOARD THIS MORNING, BUT HE COULD

NOT REMEMBER THE TIME OF HIS FEELING

THE SHOCK. HE WAS PICKED UP BY

THE DINGHY AFTER BEING IN THE WATER

FOR SOME TIME. HE COULD NOT SAY

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COBRA EXCEPT

THAT THE STERN HAD GONE BEFORE

HE WAS KNOWN OVERBOARD. HE WENT

ON TO GIVE HIS THEORY OF THE STERN

AND STEM OF THE COBRA. THE MEN

SAID, "THE MEN STAYED ON THE

DECK UNTIL THE END, AND THERE WAS

PRACTICALLY NO WEIGHT AT THEM."

THE COXSWAIN'S EVIDENCE.

—Francis Barnes, coxswain of the

Cobra, attached to H.M.S. Duke of

Wellington, said he formed one of

the party which was sent to fetch

the Cobra to Portsmouth. He took

the vessel to the wreck, and remained

at the helm until 5.45 p.m. He was

using Thompson's sounding machine

and the deep sea lead was also going.

He had seen a worse sea on a

destroyer. He had gone down to his

bunk, leaving Warren to keep watch,

and had been lying down for ten

minutes when he felt a bump. He

thought that the Cobra had shipped a

bunk, and took no notice, but still

remained by the helm. Then he heard

Warren shout.

"CLEAR YOUR DECK! OUT BOARD!"

WITNESS WENT ON DECK AND SAW

THE AFTER PART OF THE SHIP RISING

UP. THE COBRA BROKE IN TWO CLOSE

TOGETHER, AND HER DECK WAS

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TOGETHER, AND THE STEAM GRADUALLY

SETTLED DOWN AND SANK. IF THERE

HAD BEEN TIME THEY WOULD HAVE

THROWN HER OVERBOARD AND TRUSTED

EAST-END TRAGEDY.

A MURDEROUS AFFRAY IN

SPITALFIELDS.

At West-end, on Sept. 25, described as a sword, living in the East-end, Spitalfields, was charged with the murder of Hy. Wilson, by establishing him in the street, in Thrawl-st. Prisoner is a slight built man of middle height, and his face was bruised, and he had a black eye. The proceedings were short, only evidence of arrest being given by Det. Sgt. Wensley.

DIED IN THE STREET.

—It was stated that in an affray in

Thrawl-st. on the previous evening,

about 7 o'clock, knives were used by

more than one man, and one of the

combatants, Hy. Wilson, was killed.

He received a stab in return for an injury

inflicted by him with a knife, and fell

dying in the street. Prisoner was

arrested by witness Wensley and Det. Sgt. Gill, and then said, "I was going to

'give myself up.' When searched a

small knife was found on him, and he

said, "I was going to give myself up."

He had quite trouble enough with

knives for one day. When prisoner

was asked if he wished to say anything

he replied, "No," and was remanded for

a week.

THE INQUEST OPENED.

Mr. Baxter opened the inquest at

Stepney on Harry Wilson, 25, said to

be a commercial traveller. He was

employed by Messrs. H. J. H. & Co.,

residing in Chadwell-road, Bromley, and

was known to the jury as a man of

good character. He was a native of

Scotland, and had been lodging

at Pearce and Plenty's in Commercial-st.

Witness last saw him alive at 3.30

on Tuesday afternoon, and proposed

to meet him again that night at the

outside of Gardiner's. When he

left he did not say where he was

going. About 6.30 witness was in the

Red Lion when a woman, named

Hawkes, came running in, and said,

"Scottie is lying dead in Thrawl-st."

Scottie was the nickname of deceased.

Witness went across the road, and

the police arrived. Deceased was

found lying on the pavement. When

he was picked up he was dead. A

knife was found on him. The body

was taken to the mortuary. A

coroner's inquest was held.

—Chas. Catling, of Brick-lane, said

he assisted his father in carrying on a

coffee-shop at that address. Witness

was in the shop about 6.30 when Ned

Palmer came in with another man and

a woman, both of whom were strangers

to witness. The stranger man ordered

food for three, which witness

served. Whilst they were there

deceased came in with two other men,

and deceased asked for food for three.

After witness took the order

deceased commenced using beastly

language to Ned Palmer and his

friends. Deceased appeared to be sober.

Witness went to the kitchen, and

deceased said to Palmer, "You ought

to be ashamed of yourself sitting

with people of such a low class." Palmer

made no reply, and deceased said

he would bring a woman to fight the

other woman, and he would fight Ned

Palmer. A general fight then ensued;

crockery was thrown about and

kicked. The row continued until

deceased was picked up by the police.

The row was continued outside,

and subsequently witness

heard that deceased had been stabbed.

—Thos. Hughes, of Cranford, Bethnal

Green, a fishmonger, said he had

known the Palmer for years, but

knew very little of deceased. On the

day in question witness was in the

Frying Pan public-house, in Brick-

lane, and saw the Palmers, and

deceased come in. They then appeared

on good terms. About 6.30 he met

Ned Palmer, and they went to the

towards Whitechapel, and holding his

hand to his neck, he remarked, "I've

got it." Witness turned his head and

saw Ned Palmer come out of a chan-

delier's shop in Thrawl-st. and make

PECULIAR PEOPLE OLD

AND NEW.

No. V. TIDY-DOLL.

Sancho and myself were strolling down Piccadilly the other evening. I may not have mentioned it before, but one of Sancho's most English traits is a study of the human mind. He is very weak on confessions, and I have never known him yet say a really first-class postscript without studying its varied and appetizing display with a relish that would drive a dyspeptic almost mad.

Look! I've never seen it before in

this part of London. Do for my sake

stop and enjoy the sight, I've never

seen a giggle so genuine in this

part of London, and giving my arm

to a

painted girl, he led me up to the

window and gazed over some dark

brown bricks with golden edges. He

was positively delighted, and called my

attention to the fact that his mother

was considered "prime" at giving

bread; and did I recollect him giving

a piece. He did—but, there, let

sleeping dogs lie. You can put up

with a great deal from your friend if

you have an affection for him, more

especially if he esteems and loves his

mother.

